Stealing of babies from Delhi Hospitals

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Will the Minister of HOME AF-T'AIRs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in the cases of new born ale sabies being stolen from various hospitals in the Capital;

(b) if so, the number of such cases in each Hospital during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether all the cases have been got investigated through CBI and if so, the detailg thereof; and

(d) What action Government have taken ln each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GP12VANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The requisite figures are indicated below:—

Name of the Hospital	Number of cases reported		
	1986	1987	1988
(i) Sucheta Kriplani Hospital	1	1	
(ii) Safdarjung Hospital		1	1
TOTAL :	1	2	1

(c) None of these cases has been got investigated by the CBI.

(d) Cases under section 363 IPC were registered.

Purchase of Handicrafts from Andhra Pradesh

819. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that production of handicrafts in Andhra State is worth more than Rs. 16 crores per year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Handicrafts Development Corporation has purchased handicrafts worth Rs. 6 crores only during' 1986-87 resulting in great hardship to the handicraft weavers;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government would ensure that handicrafts from Andhra Pradesh are purchased in sufficient quantities so as to promote handicrafts in that State; and

(d) what are the proposals of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA); (a) Being a decentralised sector, no reliable data on the production of handicrafts in Andhra Pradesh is available.

(b) to (d) Purchases by State Handicraft Corporation is a matter under the purview of the State Government, which decides on quantum and extent of purchases. However, it would not be possible for SHDCs to purchase entire handicrafts production of a State on account of financial constraints.

The Central Government extends financial assistance to State Handicraft Corporations by way of equity participation, opening/renovation of sales outlets, setting up of raw material depots, besides assistance for design, training and technical support.